

**Offices of the County Crown Attorney, }**  
**And CLERK OF THE PEACE for the County of Waterloo, }**

*Berlin, February 20th, 1869.*

SIR,—

As certain of the Magistrates of this County have taken Bail from parties charged with crime, requiring their appearance at the next Court of *Quarter Sessions*, and as there is now no Court known by that name, it becomes my duty to call your attention to Section seven of the "The Law Reform Act of 1868," passed at the recent session of the Ontario Legislature, whereby it is enacted that the Court heretofore known as the "*Quarter Sessions of the Peace*" shall, hereafter, be called and known as the *Court of General Sessions of the Peace* of the County, and shall henceforth be held semi-annually, to commence on the second Tuesday in the months of JUNE and DECEMBER in each year. In binding over a prosecutor, crown witness, or a prisoner, for appearance at the next Sessions, the condition of the Recognizance will therefore be for appearance "at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the County of Waterloo."

I take this opportunity of calling your attention to sub-section 4 of sec. 9 of the said Act, which amends Chap. 124 of the Consolidated Statutes of U. C., and requires you to make to me, as Clerk of the Peace, instead of to the Court of Quarter Sessions, due returns of your convictions and fines *quarterly*, on or before the second Tuesday in the months of March, June, September and December in each year. Such returns should embrace not only all convictions, but also certificates of damages for loss of sheep killed by dogs, as well as every case in which you impose any "fine, forfeiture, penalty, or damages."

It is also provided by the said Act that all accounts and demands against the County, the approving and auditing whereof heretofore belonged to the Quarter Sessions, shall henceforth be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace on or before the first day of each General Sessions of the Peace, and of each sittings of the Assizes; and those accounts delivered to me on the first day of the General Sessions will be "audited at the time and in the manner" as heretofore done, while those accounts delivered to me on the first day of the Assizes will be audited by a Bench of at least seven Magistrates, of whom the Chairman of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace shall be one, and will be taken into consideration in the week next succeeding the week in which the Assizes may end.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

**W. H. BOWLBY,**

County Attorney and Clerk of the Peace.



